
Integration Partner Integration Support & Transition Achievement Report (Deliverable 153.1.1f) May 2004

Executive Summary

Integration Partner supports FSA's leadership and the actions required to drive the development of integration projects and initiatives. This report, the last report of the Integration Support & Transition Task Order, summarizes Integration Partner's activities for the month of May that support the development of integration projects and initiatives.

Major accomplishments for the month of May include those accomplishments that support FSA's Integration Team and related Integration Partner Transition activities. Integration Partner worked with FSA and the new Integration Leadership Support Contractor (ILSC), Grant Thornton, to refine the Transition Plan deliverables and deliver the enterprise Transition briefings.

Major accomplishments related to the major FSA integration initiatives include the on-time and on-budget completion of the following:

- Implementation of the eZ-Audit Release 2.0 into production.
- Completion of the Identity and Access Management Tools Analysis pilot.
- Deployment of the XML Registry into production.
- Submission of the required Enterprise Data Strategy deliverables.

The Identity and Access Management Tools prototype effort was a valuable opportunity for FSA to understand the technical and operational implications for deployment of identity and access management COTS technologies. The effort also documented suggestions and observations that will help streamline future efforts to deploy identity and access management technologies.

Overall Value Delivered

Integration Progress

The following synopses outline progress towards major integration initiatives within the Integration Partner program, including Application & Delivery, Enterprise Data Strategy and Integrated Partner Management (IPM).

Application & Delivery

- Common Origination & Disbursement (COD) will continue to build upon the existing COD solution providing FSA with a core, single integrated solution to manage aid originations and disbursements.
- Release 3.1 is currently scheduled for a July 2004 implementation; testing and implementation planning efforts are underway.
- Release 3.2 is currently scheduled for a October 2004 implementation; functional design efforts are underway.

- Requirements efforts for Release 4.0 (2005-2006 annual cycle) are underway and will be completed in June.

Enterprise Data Strategy

- The Enterprise Data Strategy Phase II task order is providing further analysis on the following areas:
 - FFEL / student data enrollment data reporting options
 - Website and portals consolidation options
 - Shared services implementation options
 - Impact of CSB procurement outcome
 - Financial transaction processing options
 - Enterprise analytics support architecture options
- The end result of this task order will be a more detailed overall enterprise-wide data framework that integrates the components listed above, as well as a functioning XML management tool and support of an active data quality management process for FSA.
- Continued to conduct working sessions with FSA related to Data Framework, XML and Technical Strategies efforts.
- Completed testing and implementation efforts related to the XML Repository, which was released into production on June 6th.
- Continued to make progress on the FFEL/Student Enrollment Options, Web Portals/Shared Services and CDA Operating Guidelines deliverables.
- Supported Data Strategy briefing efforts to the Business and Technology Integration Group during the month of May.
- Submitted the following deliverables to FSA:
 - XML Registry/Repository Production Readiness Review Report
 - Data Quality Management Support Report I

Integrated Partner Management

- The eZ-Audit Release 2.0 solution was successfully implemented into production as scheduled on May 23. This release supports upcoming audits, fixes to the PEPS interface, school group fixes and other enhancements.
- All final deliverables for the Identity and Access Management Tools Analysis were submitted to FSA during the month of May. The Identity and Access Management Tools prototype effort was a valuable opportunity for FSA to understand the technical and operational implications for deployment of identity and access management COTS technologies. The effort also documented suggestions and observations that will help streamline future efforts to deploy identity and access management technologies.

The Integration Partner Bi-Weekly Status Reports provide detailed project-level status and a Program Scorecard that reflects project variances from the previous reporting month that focuses on the Task Order, Scope, Schedule, Cost, Quality and Overall variances. Most projects are on schedule and there are no significant issues. FSA has requested delays to some of the Enterprise Data Strategy deliverables until completion of the appropriate working group sessions. In addition, FSA needs to ensure that the

appropriate decision makers are identified and continuously involved in the Data Strategy deliverable process to ensure that consensus is reached at the required decision points and that there are no impacts to the remaining deliverable schedule. Refer to the attached May Bi-Weekly Status Reports, Bi-Weekly Status Report 5-15-04.pdf and Bi-Weekly Status Report 5-31-04.pdf, for the Program Scorecard.

Participation in FSA Business Integration & Technology Group (BTIG)

As a result of the award of the new ILSC contract and Integration Partner transition activities, Integration Partner did not support the functions of FSA's Business and Technology Integration Group during the month of May. FSA's Integration Team and the new ILSC are responsible for driving the future efforts of the BTIG.

Enterprise Risk Management

As a result of the award of the new ILSC contract and Integration Partner transition activities, Integration Partner did not participate in the identification and evaluation of enterprise risks during the month of May. However, Integration Partner project-level risks continued to be tracked and monitored. Integration Partner project-level risks can be found in the Bi-Weekly Status Reports for the month of May. Refer to the attached March Bi-Weekly Status Reports, Bi-Weekly Status Report 05-15-04.pdf and Bi-Weekly Status Report 05-31-04.pdf.

Enterprise Sequencing Plan

As a result of the award of the new ILSC contract and Integration Partner transition activities, Integration Partner did not maintain the FSA Enterprise Sequencing Plan during the month of May. However, Integration Partner continued to maintain the program schedule, the Integrated Master Schedule, which tracks Integration Partner task order start and end dates, major milestones and future projects. Refer to the attached document, Mod Integrated Master Schedule_053104.pdf, for the current Integrated Master Schedule.

Enterprise Gaps

There are no new enterprise gaps to report that may have an effect on FSA's Integration program.

Integration Partner Internal Integration

Integration Partner ensures that key Integration Partner integration projects and initiatives are integrated throughout the program by providing a formal venue for integration leads to meet and share knowledge as it relates to project status, impacts, dependencies and deliverables.

Transition Activities

During the month of May, Integration Partner completed all of the necessary Transition activities as defined by the task order. Final Transition Plan deliverables were updated and resubmitted as a result of FSA feedback.

Integration Partner Subject Matter Experts, with the support of FSA business and technology owners, delivered to Grant Thornton the following Transition briefings:

- COD
- CPS/FAFSA/PIN/SAIG Participation Management

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- Data Marts
 - Data Strategy
 - EAI
 - eCB
 - eZ-Audit
 - IPM
 - ITA
 - NSLDS
 - Organization and Integration Overview
 - Portals
 - SAIG
 - Security Architecture

FSA facilitated the following Transition briefings; Integration Partner did not participate in these Transition efforts:

- FEBI
- FMS
- XML
- CSB

Refer to the attached May Transition Progress Reports for weekly Transition activities and progress.

Planned Integration Efforts for June 2004

The Integration Partner will continue to focus on further developing the following integration areas: Application & Delivery, Data Strategy and Integrated Partner Management.

Application & Delivery

- COD will continue to move forward with the efforts related to Releases 3.1, 3.2, and 4.0.

Enterprise Data Strategy

- Continue progress on the FFEL/Student Enrollment Options, Web Portals/Shared Services and CDA Operating Guidelines efforts.
- Deliver the Data Strategy Target Vision FFEL, Student Enrollment Data Flow Options Analysis, CDA Operating Guidelines Options, and Shared Services Implementation Options Analysis.
- Support the Data Strategy briefing efforts to the BTIG during the month of June.

Integrated Partner Management

- All Integration Partner activities relating to the Integrated Partner Management solution have been completed.



Integration & Transition Support

- The Integration & Transition Support Task Order expires on June 10, 2004. Integration Partner will no longer be responsible for reporting its internal efforts to develop FSA's integration areas.